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Kevin Robinson
Head Coach

COACHES



**KEVIN
ROBINSON**
HEAD COACH
FRIST SEASON
5TH SEASON
AT MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, 1998

Robinson Career Info

Coaching Experience

Memphis

- Head Track and Field Coach 2006-Present
- Assistant Track and Field Coach 2002-2005

Southern Illinois

- Assistant Track and Field Coach 1998-2002

Athletic Experience

- 1993 Great Midwest Conference Newcomer of the Year
- Named C-USA Indoor Athlete of the Year
- Won a combined six C-USA Championships and one GMC Title
- Qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in seven combined events.
- Owns school records in the shot put (59-3) and the hammer (191-9).

Coaching Acheivements

- Memphis' first All-American in 20 years and the first ever Lady Tiger All-American.
- 11 C-USA Champions and over 40 All-C-USA Honors
- Three All-Americans at SIU
- 13 individual Missouri Valley Conference championships.

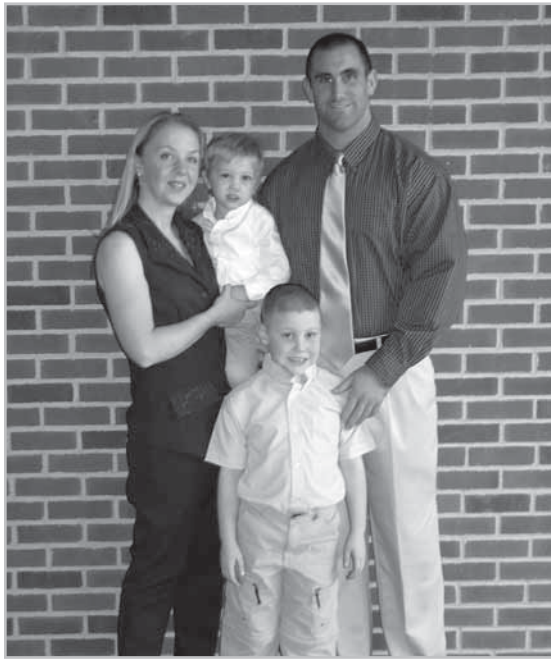
After an impressive tenure as the field event coach for both the men and women's track teams, Kevin Robinson is now stepping up to replace long-time head coaches Glenn Hays and Brenda Cash at the helm of the University of Memphis track and field program. Robinson has taken the reins of both teams and has made it his mission to introduce a new winning tradition.

Throughout his coaching career, Robinson has shown a remarkable ability to recruit and coach some of the nation's best track and field athletes. A 1998 graduate of Memphis, Robinson was a phenomenal performer during his time as a Tiger athlete, and over the last four years, he has proven himself equally capable of coaching for his alma mater. As an assistant at Memphis, Robinson has built the Tiger and Lady Tiger field events into one of the most dominant groups in Conference USA.

In 2003, his first year as a coach at Memphis, Robinson helped three Tiger track athletes earn five individual C-USA titles and set five school records. In that same season, he produced three regional qualifiers in four events. Robinson also coached thrower Gaute Myklebust to his first C-USA Male Outdoor Athlete of the Year honor and guided Lisa-Marie Hyman to a C-USA Championship in the triple jump.

Robinson's group continued to find success in his second year with the Tigers. After winning a second-straight conference Outdoor Athlete of the Year award and an NCAA Mid-East Regional title, Myklebust placed fourth in the discus at the NCAA Championship. The finish was the highest ever for a Memphis thrower and made Myklebust Memphis' first All-American in more than 20 years.

The 2004 campaign also featured impressive performances by Robinson's jumpers. Hyman placed second in the triple jump at the conference meet and set a Memphis record in the event. The field event athletes also set two other school records in the women's heptathlon and the men's pentathlon.



Coach Robinson, wife Dawn and sons Sebastian and Tristan

Despite the incredible accomplishments during his first two years at Memphis, 2005 proved to be Robinson's banner year. His athletes set six school records, won three C-USA titles and tallied four runner-up finishes, a C-USA Female Freshman of the Year honor and two NCAA Championship appearances.

Thrower Gail Lee was responsible for many of those accomplishments, as she broke indoor records in both the shot put and weight throw. Lee also was the C-USA Champion in the weight and runner-up in the shot and qualified for NCAA Indoor Championships, where she earned All-American honors in the shot put. Lee was the first All-American in Lady Tiger history.

In that same season, J.D. Erickson and Janon Busby each added another conference title and runner-up finish, while Chen Edri broke three school records and earned the title of C-USA Female Freshman of the Year. Hyman put up a second-place finish in the outdoor triple jump, in addition to making her first trip to NCAA Championships.

Last season, Robinson helped Erickson to a second-straight conference indoor title in the shot put and a school record in the indoor weight throw. Lee made a second consecutive NCAA Championship appearance, and Sivan Aballi and Amaechi Oselukwue both earned second-place honors at the C-USA Championships.

In all, Robinson has seen his athletes break 18 school records, pile up 11 C-USA titles and earn over 40 all-conference performances during his time at Memphis.

Along with their success on the track, Robinson's athletes also excelled in the classroom. Myklebust was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District and C-USA Scholar Athlete teams in 2004, while Hyman was a CoSIDA All-American in 2004 and 2005 and was awarded one of only six C-USA Postgraduate Scholarships. In 2006, Aballi was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

Robinson began his coaching career as an assistant

at Southern Illinois. During his stint at SIU, he coached a group of eight athletes to 13 individual Missouri Valley Conference championships. Robinson's athletes set three conference records and six school records. He also had nine individuals qualify for the NCAA Regionals and had two All-Americans.

At the 2001 USA Track and Field Championships, Robinson coached Brian Miller to a fifth-place finish in the shot put. That season, Miller ranked fifth nationally and 15th in the world.

As a Tiger, Robinson was arguably the greatest thrower in Memphis history. He won numerous championships and garnered many awards. In his sophomore season, Robinson was named the C-USA Athlete of the Year at the indoor championships after he won the weight throw and finished second in the shot put, qualifying for the NCAA Championships in both events. A four-time C-USA Athlete of the Week award winner, Robinson qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 1997 and 1998 in seven combined events. As a senior, he won C-USA indoor titles in the weight throw and hammer. He still owns school records in the indoor shot (59-3) and the hammer (191-9).

In 1998, Robinson was named the National Strength and Conditioning Association strength and conditioning Athlete of the Year and an NSCA All-American. That season, he finished 13th in the shot put at the NCAA Championships with an effort of 57-4.25. He also qualified for Olympic trials in 2000 in both the shot put and weightlifting.

In 2003, Robinson gained certification in CPR, AED, and as an AFAA professional personal trainer. He has since become a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) by the NSCA.

A native of Perryville, Mo., Robinson earned his degree in Exercise and Sport Science from Memphis in 1998. Robinson and his wife, Dawn, have two children, Sebastian (7) and Tristan (3). They reside in Southaven, Miss.



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Finding a top level distance coach is difficult for any program, but that is exactly what The University of Memphis got with the hiring of Mike Power during the summer of 2006.

Power works primarily with the Tiger and Lady Tiger distance runners and oversees the cross-country teams. While Memphis is Power's first stop as a college coach, he is certainly not unfamiliar with the level of competition.

A native of Melbourne, Australia, Power began running at a young age. In 1995, he became the youngest Australian to run a sub four-minute mile, turning in a time of 3:58 at 18 years old.

Power ran collegiately for the University of Arkansas from 1996-99, where he trained under longtime coach John McDonnell. During his time with the Razorbacks, Power was a nine-time All-American and five-time Southeastern Conference Champion.

Power won back-to-back SEC cross-country titles in 1998 and 1999 en route to a second place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Cham-

pionships in 1999.

At the 1998 SEC Outdoor Championships, he captured the 5000-meter crown, and at the SEC Indoors in 1999 he took two titles, winning the mile and the three-kilometer events.

In 2000, Power returned home for Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He went on to qualify for the Games and represented Australia in the 5000 meters.

After coaching and competing professionally for two years, Power returned to Arkansas in 2004 and received his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology.

After a year off in 2005, Power was eager to return to collegiate track and field to begin working with the Tiger distance groups.

“Any time you can add an Olympian to the coaching staff, it is a huge step for your program. Mike is a world class athlete, and he has competed and coached against the best distance athletes there are.”

-- Kevin Robinson



Mike Power
DISTANCE COACH
FIRST SEASON
Arkansas, 2004

Power Career Info

Coaching Experience

Memphis

- Assistant Track and Field Coach 2006-Present

Athletic Experience

- Nine-time NCAA All-American at Arkansas
 1997 – Distance Medley Relay
 1997 – Cross Country
 1998 – 3000 Meters, Distance Medley Relay, 5000 Meters
 1999 – 3000 Meters (National runner-up), 5000 Meters
 1999 – Cross Country (National runner-up)
- Five-time SEC Champion
- Won back-to-back SEC Cross Country Titles
- Three-year letterwinner at Arkansas
- Represented Australia in the 5000 meters at the 2000 Olympics in Sidney, Australia



Nic Fortenberry

SPRINTS COACH
FIRST SEASON
LSU, 1996

Fortenberry Career Info

Coaching Experience

Memphis

- Assistant Track and Field Coach 2006-Present

Houston High School

- Assistant Track and Field Coach 2000-2005

Kirby High School

- Head Boys Track Coach 1998-2000
- Assistant Track and Field Coach 1997

Athletic Experience

- Member of LSU track team 1993-1995
- Four-year letterman and three-time state qualifier at Tylertown High School

Coaching Achievements

- Coached 20 prep athletes to Division I scholarships.
- Three cross-county state titles at Houston High.
- Assistant on 2005 Houston State Championship team.

New Memphis head track and field coach Kevin Robinson made the final addition to his staff, hiring Nic Fortenberry as an assistant coach in charge of sprints.

Fortenberry has more than a decade of experience as both an athlete and a coach at the high school and collegiate levels. As a prep standout at Tylertown High School in Tylertown, Miss., Fortenberry was the captain of the track team, a four year letterman, and three year state qualifier.

Fortenberry enrolled at Louisiana State University on a Naval ROTC scholarship during the summer of 1992. In 1993, he joined Louisiana State University track and field team. Fortenberry competed in cross-country, the 800 meters dash and the 400 meters hurdles for the Tigers.

Fortenberry began his coaching career in 1997 as an assistant track coach and head cross-country coach at Kirby High School in Memphis. He would take over as the boys head coach the following year.

In 2000, Fortenberry moved to Houston High under George Gibson where he coached sprinters and multi-event athletes. He also served as the assistant Cross Country coach. During his time there the cross country team won three state titles and the Track team won the 2005 State Championship. Over 20 of his athletes have gone on to Division I programs, including current Memphis decathlete Jason Morgan.

Fortenberry graduated from LSU in 1996 with a degree in Industrial Education and Construction Management. He has a Level Two USATF certification and USATF certification in pole-vault.

Nic is the father of two children, Gabe and Jada.

“Nic brings a discipline to our training that many of the kids have never seen before, and we’re already seeing the benefits.”

-- Kevin Robinson

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Lisa-Marie Hyman
JUMPS COACH
FIRST SEASON
MEMPHIS, 2004

Hyman Career Info

Coaching Experience

Memphis

- Assistant Track and Field Coach 2006-Present

Athletic Experience

- A four year letterwinner at Memphis
- Won three Conference USA titles in the triple jump
- Became the first ever Lady Tiger to qualify for an NCAA Regional
- Named to the 2005 ESPN All-American Team
- One of just three Lady Tigers to qualify for the NCAA Championships
- Holds the school records for the indoor (12.98) and outdoor triple jump (12.67m)

After four years as one of Memphis' most successful track athletes Lisa Marie Hyman has joined the Tiger coaching staff and will oversee the team's jumpers.

Winning a combined three Conference USA titles in the indoor and outdoor triple jump, Hyman became one of the most decorated Lady Tiger track athletes in school history during her time at the U of M.

She still holds the school records for the indoor and outdoor triple jump (12.67m). A two-time NCAA Regional qualifier, Hyman reached the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 2005 and was named to the ESPN All-American Team. She is one of just three Lady Tigers to ever reach the NCAA Championships.

While attending Memphis, Hyman was also a standout in the classroom. She was an honor student and was twice named to the Tiger Academic 30 for having one of the top 30 grade-point averages of any student athlete on campus. In 2002, she was named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Hyman is a native of Kingston, Jamaica. She graduated from Memphis in 2004 with a degree in mathematics.

Lisa was one of the best athletes I've ever coached. She is a very knowledgeable jumps coach and a great addition to our staff.

-- Kevin Robinson

Track and Field Support Staff



Lynn Parkes
Associate AD



Ben Wright
SID



Brenda Cash
Track Operations